

Claims

5 1. A network control device (**CPS**) for controlling data transfer in a first network (**IP**),

wherein said data transfer is supplied from a second network (**SCN**) via a switch device (**SD**) adapted to control said second network (**SCN**) and an interface establishing device (**GW**) connected between said switch device (**SD**) and said first network (**IP**), and

10 said network control device (**CPS**) controls said interface establishing device (**GW**) by using signalling associated with said first network (**IP**).

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2. The network control device according to claim 1, wherein said network control device (**CPS**) controls a plurality of switch devices (**SD**) and interface establishing devices (**GW1**) via said first network (**IP**).

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3. The network control device according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said first network (**IP**) is an IP based network and said second network (**SCN**) is a switched circuit network.

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4. The network control device according to one of the previous claims, wherein said network control device (**CPS**) is located remotely from said interface establishing device (**GW**) and controls said interface establishing device (**GW**) by transmitting control signals (**CS**) via said first network (**IP**).

30 5. The network control device according to one of the previous claims, wherein said network control device

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controls parameters of said interface establishing device (GW)

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6. The network control device according to one of the
5 previous claims, wherein said network control device
loads control software for said interface establishing
device (GW) via said first network (IP) into said
interface establishing device (GW).

10 7. The network control device according to one of the
previous claims, wherein said data transfer relates to
telephone traffic.

15 8. An interface establishing device (GW) for providing
an interface between a first network (IP) and a second
network (SCN),

20 wherein said interface establishing device (GW) is
adapted to receive data from said second network (SCN) by
using signalling associated with said second network
(SCN) and to transmit said data to said first network
(IP) by using signalling associated with said first
network (IP).

25 9. The interface establishing device according to claim
8, wherein said interface establishing device (GW) is
adapted to receive control signals (CS) from a remotely
located network control device (CPS).

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30 10. The interface establishing device according to claim
8 or 9, wherein said interface establishing device (GW)
is connectable to a switch device (SD) adapted for
controlling said second network (SCN).

35 11. The interface establishing device according to claim
10, wherein said switch device (SD) comprises at least

one connecting means for connecting an exchange terminal (ET) for a trunk line, and said interface establishing device (GW) is adapted to be connected to one of said connecting means in place of said exchange terminal (ET).

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12. The interface establishing device according to claim 11, wherein said connecting means is a slot, and said exchange terminal (ET) and said interface establishing device (GW) are constructed as plug-in-units such that 10 both said exchange terminal (ET) and said interface establishing means (GW) can be inserted in said slot.

~~13. A network system comprising a network control device according to one of the claims 1 to 7 and an interface establishing device according to one of the claims 8 to 12.~~

14. A method for controlling a network system comprising a first network (IP), a second network (SCN), an 20 interface establishing device (GW) providing interface between said networks, and a switch device (SD) to which said interface establishing device (GW) is connected and which controls said second network (SCN), said method comprising the steps of

25 controlling (S1, S2, S3, S4) said interface establishing device (GW) via said first network (IP) by using signalling associated with said first network (IP), controlling (S5) said switch device (SD) via said first network (IP) by using signalling associated with 30 said second network (SCN).

15. The method according to claim 14, wherein said controlling step comprises the steps of
35 controlling (S2) parameters of said interface establishing device (GW) and

loading (S4) control software for said interface establishing device (GW) if it is decided that an update is necessary (S3) .